Improving Provision of Services and Awareness to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Balkans
Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro & Kosovo

Terre des hommes mission in Albania is implementing the project Improving provision of services and awareness to combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP) in the Balkans, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, funded by the U.S. Department of State through the J/TIP program.

The project aims to strengthen the capacities of service providers and governmental institutions to ensure provision of comprehensive services to victims of TIP in four (4) countries of the Balkan region. This initiative builds upon existing regional and national mechanisms promoting better collaboration and coordination for early identification and assistance to victims and potential victims of TIP, and broadens the spectrum of assistance and continuum of services for potential victims and victims of trafficking based on community level support.

Implementing partners

The project is a joint effort of Terre des hommes Mission in Albania & Kosovo with six local partners in the four countries of intervention:

- The Initiative for Social Change – ARSIS and Different & Equal in Albania
- Association for action against violence and trafficking in human beings – Open Gate in Macedonia
- SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence Niksic in Montenegro
- Shpresa dhe Shitetpi e Femiajeve and The Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (PVPT) in Kosovo

Implementation time: February 2018 - July 2020
Target countries: Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo
Budget: 700,000 USD

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1) The U.S. Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP)
Project goal

Ensure that victims and potential victims of TiP in the Balkans have access to comprehensive prevention, protection and reintegration services through functional national and transnational coordination mechanisms for identification, case management, and community based services.

Objective 1: Victims and potential victims of TiP in the Balkans have access to national and transnational coordinated and comprehensive services.

Main Activities:
• Establish functional transnational cooperation mechanism to identify, protect and report TiP victims and potential victims using the harmonized SOPs across four countries.
• Develop and promote joint virtual regional platform for capacity building of professionals on the protection and assistance of victims of TiP.
• Develop national tailored models community based reintegration services for TiP victims and potential victims in collaboration with local NGOs.

Objective 2: Potential victims of TiP and targeted public in the Balkans are better informed about human trafficking.

Main activities:
• Conduct an awareness raising campaign to promote the use of national Help lines to identify potential cases of TiP by the public or other stakeholders.
• Conduct community – level campaigns and awareness activities for targeted audiences to be better informed about and prepared to recognize TiP cases among their community.

Beneficiaries:
• The social services systems in the four countries benefit from piloting models on community based reintegration services and mentoring programs for TiP victims;
• Victims/potential victims of TiP assisted with community based reintegration services;
• Professionals trained on unified standard transnational operating procedures (SOPs) for the protection of victims and potential victims of trafficking;
• Communities in 4 countries are informed on trafficking in person through usage of mainstream media and social media.

Main innovations of the project

• Strengthening transnational cooperation in the Balkans on identification, referral and protection of TiP victims through unified SOPs.
• Fostering community based reintegration for TiP victims in the Balkan region.
• Modelling and empowering mentoring services for TiP victims.
• E-learning capacity building opportunities
• Regional joint awareness raising campaign

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